

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**  
**COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY**

Wednesday, May 9, 2007, 6:00 p.m.  
Hooker Room, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street

**Roll Call:**

Members Present: Bob Bent, Keith Clay, Christine Glaser, John Hamilton, George Huntington, Cairril Mills, Dave Rollo, Toby Strout, Paul Sullivan, John West  
Regrets: Jeff Mease, Catherine Stafford  
Staff Present: Danise Alano, Director of Economic Development  
Mike Steinhoff, Service Corps Intern  
Matt Teives, Intern

**Call to Order/Approval of Minutes**

John Hamilton called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

- Steve Forrest of the Bloomington Transportation Options for People (BTOP) and Bloomington Garden Club suggested implementing a program that would recognize sustainability success and achievements. He also commented that he would like to see a sustainable yard and garden tour and suggested the Bryan Park Neighborhood as a venue.
- Jenny Robinson delivered a petition to consider work place practices as a greater part of sustainability. Specifically she would like to see more family-friendly policies. These include such things as longer paid maternity leaves, broader paternity leaves, time off work to care for sick children, and retention of benefits when parents return part-time to work after a child birth. She commented this would benefit businesses in the form of less absences, lower healthcare costs, and greater employee retention.

**HAND Report:**

Keith Clay mentioned the standards for naturalized yards from the HAND report seem impractical. Dave Rollo commented that there needs to be a middle ground between the environment committee and HAND standards. The commission agrees to review this issue and discuss again.

**New Transportation/Land Use Committee:**

Christine Glaser suggested creating a committee dedicated to transportation and land use. The Commission discussed hosting a summit meeting between various local and regional groups involved with the issue with the goal being to create a long-term and successful joint planning process. John Hamilton requested that the Education Committee create a brief description on how to go about setting up the summit meeting for the next BCOS gathering with the next step being making a proposal to the Mayor and the City Council. No action was taken on the suggestion to create a separate committee.

**EC/BCOS Greenhouse Gas Committee Recommendations:**

The Committee will re-send the recommendations for feedback and discussion will continue at the next meeting.

**Team Green Recommendations:**

Danise Alano shared Team Green's Greenhouse Gas Reduction recommendations with the Commission for informational purposes.

**Indicators Report Review:**

Mike Steinhoff provided an update on the report's progress. Some indicators have been removed from the final report due to lack of data. The final Indicators Report will not include diversity of public boards and commissions or library statistics. The indicators for water usage are being left out for now, but its inclusion is still possible. The plan is to present the report to the Mayor, City Council, and businesses. The report will be presented for final vote/adoption at the June meeting.

**Staff Report:**

The City has made an offer to potential Assistant Director of Economic Development for Small Business and Sustainable Development. Danise says the report from the informatics group is usable and ready to be presented. It is suggested that a meeting be set up with some members of the group.

**Committee Updates:**

Initiatives: George comments that a number of new bulbs have been given away, the committee is in the running for a grant from Duke Energy, a new funding source has been found, and they are closer to getting help from IU. However, progress is building slowly for the committee. The date for the Local Foods Tour is set for June 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 p.m. Keith passed out a handout listing all the sites, the issue now is publicity for the event; suggestions are emails, displays, and brochures.

Education: The Education Committee has officially set their new mission statement. Several presentations and seminars have been planned. The next one is set for May 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Convention Center.

Partnerships and Resources: Danise needs networking contacts from everyone and the Commission needs to address staffing all the committees.

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, June 12, 2007, McCloskey Room, City Hall, 6 p.m.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.**